

What is claimed:

1. An apparatus comprising:
a molding machine; and
an input device for inputting data into said molding machine, said input device including;
an electronic display screen defined within a first area;
a touch input panel having a sensing region responsive to a touch of a human finger, said sensing region being defined within a second area, said second area overlapping said first area and being larger than said first area, and a portion of said second area which does not overlie said first area being defined as a panel extension portion and overlaying indicia, indicating functions of a plurality of input keys.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said molding machine is an injection molding machine.
3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said first area of said display screen includes input keys for operating parameters of said injection molding machine.
4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of input keys includes a ten-key numeric input.
5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of input keys includes a cursor movement input.
6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of input keys includes a plurality of function keys.

7. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of input keys includes a ten-key numeric input, a cursor movement input, and a plurality of function keys.